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1. [] the 1st Ordnance Depot (4574/0001/6511/2160/4920/1655) of the Ordnance Department, Supply and Service Command, was being used to store munitions received from the USSR.
2. This depot, [] is about 15 kilometers north of Tientsin between Yangts'um (117-05, 39-03) and P'anchuang (117-29, 39-21) on the east bank of the Hai River, about one kilometer from the Yangts'um railway station. A highway connects the depot with the railway station.
3. The depot covers a total area of about four square kilometers. Most of the installations are underground, but some flat buildings made of sheet iron and surrounded by trees are visible. Inside the brick wall which surrounds the depot are trenches; outside pillboxes have been built. Sentry posts equipped with searchlights are placed between each two pillboxes. The area, two kilometers (sic) from the brick wall surrounding the depot is a restricted area.
4. A garrison regiment directly under the command of the Ordnance Department was responsible for the security of the depot inside the wall; protection of the outside perimeter was the responsibility of troops of the Hopeh Military District.
5. The station at Yangts'um, which is on the Peiping-Tientsin railway, has increased in importance because an airfield has been built there by the Chinese Communists¹.

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1. [] Comment. According to available information an airfield was built at Yangts'un [] and was later rebuilt by the Chinese Communists.

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